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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

CONVEYING GOBS OF GLASS TO A GLASS CONTAINER FORMING MACHINE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action that was mailed on October 8, 2003, and set a 1 month shortened statutory period for reply thereto.

The aforesaid Office Action was not made final.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to continue prosecution of this application based on the Group II claims, claims 6 – 14.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested based on the following Remarks.

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